

What is happening in Reception this week?

7th November 2022

Literacy



This week, we will be learning to retell the traditional story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using a story map to help us. We will also listen to the story of Noah's Ark.

In phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have learned that we are finding harder to remember and some of us will be learning special friends like th, sh and ch. We are now in groups with other children at the same stage of reading as we are. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing our names, forming all the letters in them correctly.

Maths



Last week, we focused on showing number 7 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 8. We will count 8 objects, actions and sounds, and make 8 in different ways, e.g. $3+5$, $4+4$, $2+6$ and $8(+0)$. We will also show 8 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 8 using Ten Town. We will look at months of the year and keep practising days of the week.

Topic



This week we continue our new topic on 'Special times, people, places and things'. We will talk about some people who are special to us like our family and friends. We will also remember people who died in the past on 11th November - Remembrance Day.

Elmer is a very special elephant. He is all the colours of the rainbow! We will explore colours and what happens when we mix them together, like red and yellow, or red and blue. We will try and mix colours to paint our own rainbow. Elmer is unique just like us!

Messages

We hope you all enjoyed celebrating Bonfire Night! The children had lots of fun combining materials in school to create their own fireworks.

The weather is changing quickly so please can you make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, ideally with a hood, and warm hats, gloves etc. Don't forget to name everything, including the gloves! If you can send in waterproof bottoms too (or an all in one), they will be able to access more of the playground on wet days. All the children need their wellies to access the wood chip area.

Please remember on Thursdays to remove children's earrings at home for PE and also please send them to school wearing socks, not tights, unless they can put these on by themselves. Thank you!

A gentle reminder that school starts at 8.45 and children should be in the classroom by this time. At the end of the day, children should stay with their grown up and not go onto the grass areas or play equipment.

We will have a quick phonics meeting on Friday 11th November, looking at special-friends and blending. Please let us know if you will be attending, entrance will be through Silver Hall at 2.45pm.

How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links) Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending. Try and get faster saying the sounds and start orally blending some 4 sounds words like stop, if they can do 3 sound words. Please keep practising writing the sounds and developing fine motor skills.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives!

You can support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.



Learning from last week

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.
We hope you all have a lovely week!